

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please **replace** the paragraph between line 19 on page 108 and line 15 on page 109 with the following:

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According to this method, while focusing and tracking were carried out, the light emitting element 216 was effected to emit light in pulses with the peak power of the emitted light pulse through the first lens 221 at 5 mW, so as to form a series of recording marks with a diameter of 0.18  $\mu\text{m}$  and a pitch of 0.36  $\mu\text{m}$  on the AgInSbTe phase change recording film of the optical recording medium 213. After forming the recording marks, the light emitting element 216 was effected to continuously emit light so that the power of the light through the first lens 221 was 0.5 mW. A change in quantity of the reflected light from the optical disk 201 was detected by the reproduced signal detecting light receiving element 218 (Fig. 31-5) so as to reproduce information. A reproduced signal from the reproduced signal detecting light receiving element 218 was evaluated using a spectrum analyzer. The result was a carrier-to-noise ratio (CNR) of 43 dB, which confirmed that the optical disk device of the present Example could produce a reproduced signal which enables the optical disk device to be used as the recording and reproducing device.

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